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Aloha, as a proud but concerned parent of two school-age daughters, I have pushed hard to get more resources to the classroom. I believe strongly in the professionals in our schools. They need more financial and logistical support, not more bureaucracy! It has been my privilege to serve as an action oriented member of the Hawai'i State Board of Education and I would be humbled with the opportunity to continue serving.

My wife Lucy and I have two public elementary school daughters in Windward Oahu. I have learned the needs of teachers, students, staff and community members. As a businessman and community leader, I know the importance of public education in preparing students with 21st century work skills.

I support putting more of our resources directly in the classroom where they have the greatest impact on our children. I trust professionals in the schools, and believe they should have greater control over their budget.

While serving on the Board of Education, I have led the effort to increase learning options like Charter Schools and virtual education. I have fought for decreased centralized bureaucracy and increased flexibility at the school level. I was invited by board leadership to help develop professional board training.

My business leadership and community service help me lead with both vision and compassion for all students in Hawai'i. My experience was gained through a career in business management/ownership and serving with community organizations.

Voting for me is a vote for students, schools, parents and the community.

Mahalo